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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.26

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 29th and 33rd meetings, on 13 and 22 December 2004, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/16) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.26. At the 29th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/597). The draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations was before the Committee (see A/C.5/59/L.21, sect. D).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.29 and 33).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/59/L.26, the related statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory

[1] A/C.5/59/16.

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Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] recalling General Assembly resolution 39/249 of 9 April 1985, stressing the critical importance of voluntary financial contributions by Member States to the United Nations Trust Fund for the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to enable it to carry out its mandate and urging Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund, in particular during this critical transitional period, decides to inform the Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.26, as an exceptional measure, additional requirements of $1,092,400 would arise under section 9 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. The Committee requests the General Assembly to appropriate that amount against the contingency fund, to be used should there be a shortage of voluntary contributions for the functioning of the Institute in 2005 and to request the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly, as a matter of priority, early during the main part of its sixtieth session on the overall financial situation of the Institute.

[2] A/59/597.